

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MARCH 6, 1880.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JONAS, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 310.]

The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 310) for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of Israel Dodge, deceased, beg leave to report the same favorably, with amendments, with a recommendation that it pass.

By the first section of the act of Congress approved June 21, 1860 (Stats. 12, p. 866), the claim of Israel Dodge, No. 288, was confirmed to the extent of 7,056 arpents, equal to 6,002.50 acres.

The second section of said act provided for the issue of a certificate of location, locatable upon any of the public lands subject to sale and private entry, at the rate of \$1.25 per acre.

On the 22d day of December, 1865, the Commissioner of the General Land Office issued a certificate of location in favor of Israel Dodge, in satisfaction of the claim as confirmed, reciting, by mistake, in said certificate as authority for its issue the general scrip act of June 2, 1858, which act was entirely retrospective and did not cover this case.

The recital in the certificate being erroneous, the entries which have been made thereunder are defective.

The bill proposes to correct this error of recital, and to confirm the representatives of Israel Dodge in the benefits of the said act of June 21, 1860.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the amendments, which more clearly restrict the rights of the claimants to the provisions of the said act.

